

REMARKS

In response to the above Office Action, the claims have been amended to avoid the objections and rejections to the claims where appropriate. Claims 1 and 47 have been amended to include the transitional phrase “comprising” and to clarify the proviso clause at the end of each claim.

Regarding the comment that claim 1 contains extraneous language, it is to be noted that lines 17 to 35 of claim 1 are a proviso clause that limits what the heteroatomic ligand is as defined in line 8, when the ligand is defined by the formula in line 19 which is a species of the formula of line 8. Then the heteroatomic ligand must comply with either (i) or (ii) as set out in claim 1, lines 28-35. Thus this description is further limiting of the claim. The same is true with respect to claim 47.

Similarly claim 4 further limits claim 1 because it is limiting the heteroatomic ligand to that of the formula of line 19. In other words, it excludes all ligands of the formula of line 8 of claim 1 that do not fall within the scope of that of line 19. Claim 6 further limits claim 5 from which it depends and claim 4 from which claim 5 depends because it more specifically defines the groups R^1 - R^4 . If applicants have misunderstood the Examiner's objection to these claims, clarification is requested.

Claim 26 has been cancelled and claims 27-29 amended to include the subject matter of claim 26 from which they depended.

With respect to the rejection of claims 8 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, it is clear that claim 8 relates to condition (ii) in claim 1; not condition (i). In this regard, in claims 1, 4, and 47, condition (i) has been amended to change “not electron-donating” to “not polar” and claim 9 has been cancelled. Finally, claim 20 has been amended to include the word “and.”

Claim 12 and page 8 have been amended to delete "nitro" for R⁵ which was erroneously included and claim 18 to delete a ligand not falling within the scope of claim 1.

It is believed claims 1-8, 10-25, and 27-47 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

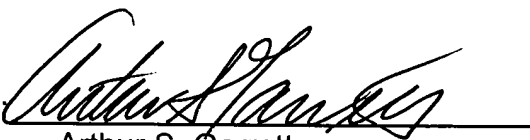
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